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Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

Claims 1-24 (canceled).

25. (new) A method for automatically printing a hard copy of transaction information, said method comprising:

(a) communicating electronically with a supplier-side computer via the Internet from a user side through a web browser at a user-side computer to conduct an electronic commerce transaction;

(b) monitoring the electronic communication conducted via the Internet in (a), to identify automatically a selected aspect of information regarding the electronic commerce transaction, including at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information;

(c) extracting electronic commerce information from the electronic communication conducted via the Internet in (a), and automatically generating, without a need for user action specifying, a print request including the extracted electronic commerce information; and

(d) automatically sending said print request to a user-side printing apparatus to have the user-side printing apparatus print the print job including the electronic commerce information extracted from the electronic communication conducted via the Internet in (a).

26. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein said monitoring in (b) is performed at the user-side.

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27. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein the automatic generation of the print request in (c) is performed at the user-side.

28. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein the extraction in (c) of the electronic commerce information from the electronic communication is performed at the user-side.

29. (new) The method of claim 25 further comprising:
storing said extracted electronic commerce information in a storage medium.

30. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein said electronic commerce information included in the print job includes said selected aspect of information regarding the electronic commerce transaction.

31. (new) A method for automatically printing a hard copy of transaction information, said method comprising:

(a) communicating electronically with a supplier-side computer via the Internet from a user side through a web browser at a user-side computer to conduct an electronic commerce transaction:

(b) monitoring the electronic communication conducted via the Internet in (a), to identify automatically a selected aspect of information regarding the electronic commerce transaction, including at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information;

(c) extracting electronic commerce information from the electronic communication

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conducted via the Internet in (a), and automatically generating, without a need for user action specifying, a print request including the extracted electronic commerce information; and

(d) automatically sending said print request via a local area network to a user-side printing apparatus to have the user-side printing apparatus print the print job including the electronic commerce information extracted from the electronic communication conducted via the Internet in (a).

32. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein said selected aspect of information regarding the electronic commerce transaction includes a password.

33. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein said selected aspect of information regarding the electronic commerce transaction includes invoice information.

34. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein said selected aspect of information regarding the electronic commerce transaction includes a confirmation number.

35. (new) The method of claim 34, wherein said electronic commerce information included in the print job includes said confirmation number.

36. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein said selected aspect of information regarding the electronic commerce transaction is set by contract.

37. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein said selected aspect of information

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regarding the electronic commerce transaction is set by a standard.

38. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein said selected aspect of information regarding the electronic commerce transaction is communicated by the supplier-side computer to the user-side computer.

39. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein said monitoring in (b) is performed by a control apparatus on the user side, and said control apparatus sends said print request in (d), and wherein said control apparatus performs (b) and (d) without user intervention.

40. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein said selected aspect of information regarding the electronic commerce transaction includes a print command from the supplier-side computer to the user-side computer.